



San Diego  
Regional Airport  
Citizens Coalition



**San Diego Regional Airport Citizen's Coalition**

May 13, 2006 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

San Diego Library - Mission Valley Location

Raymond called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The first item on the agenda was a special presentation by Jay Schumaker, Architect, and Chris Zolezzi. Their issues were:

- Airport planning should be part of overall San Diego City Planning. It needs to be “geo-philic” or a more global approach. Keeping Linbergh Field does not make sense in this regard. The existing airport site supports continued regional sprawl, which is basically the status quo. We also need a new airport the generate revenue.
- We need to focus on habitat restoration, the airport location and a city plan for the waterfront.
- East Miramar location has 2 to 10 miles of open space. The noise shadow doesn't affect others. There would be 4,300 feet between runways.
- The presentation showed how little impact this plan would have on surrounding communities. For example, Scripps Ranch would be protected by a ridge and would not see or hear the airport impacts.
- The potential use the existing Lindberg Field could be used for housing, a civic center or other uses. This means less sprawl to the region. For regional planning this makes sense.

Discussion: Members expressed concern over developers such as Pardee owning land adjacent to the East Miramar area. Once homes are built any airport planning becomes impossible as in the case of Brown Field. The existing Miramar creates restrictions on development in Sorrento Valley. With the use of East Miramar, the height limitations in Sorrento Valley might be eliminated or reduced. This enhances growth potential in this business district.

Members discussed transportation issues. Cynthia said the Federal Government may help with funding for transportation around the new airport. Commerce may be enhanced. For example, Los Angeles International Airport exceeds even Long Beach port area in shipping. Long Beach is second largest harbor area in the nation.

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Further Discussion:

- Sharon reported that she, Raymond Tom and Paul met with Joe Craver of the Regional Airport Authority (RAA). They felt that our coalition would be well served to support the RAA's position,
- Our coalition is concerned with political issues that support the military's opposition to use of military bases. This is in spite of potential for "win win" for San Diego and the military. Coalition expressed concern over politicians such as Duncan Hunter who block attempts to consider military areas.

Consensus reached:

- The San Diego Regional Airport Citizen's Coalition agrees that the region preserves or dedicates the use of East Miramar as a viable airport solution.

**Next Meeting**

**June 10, 2006**

**San Diego Mission Valley Library**

**11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**